

Knock, Knock. Who's There?

Theme

God answers prayer.

Object

"Knock, Knock" jokes

Scripture

Luke 11:1-13

Children's Sermon: Knock, Knock. Who's There? (Luke 11:1-13)

I'm sure you've heard of a "Knock, Knock" joke. I have some to tell you today. Ready?

Knock, Knock. (Kids respond, "Who's there?") Boo. (Kids respond, "Boo who?") Why are you crying? (Share a couple more "Knock, Knock" jokes, invite kids to share some and/or you can use the following.)

- Knock, knock. (Who's there?) Tank. (Tank who?) You're welcome!
- Knock, knock. (Who's there?) Canoe. (Canoe who?) Canoe come out and play?
- Knock, Knock. (Who's there?) Orange. (Orange Who?) Orange you glad this is my last knock, knock joke?

The Bible tells us about a time Jesus was talking about knock, knock, knocking. (Invite kids to make a knock, knock motion with their fists.)

One day, Jesus was teaching His friends, the disciples, how to pray. He said, "Let's say you went to a friend's house late at night..." (Have kids make a knock, knock motion

as if knocking on a friend's door.) "You said to your friend, 'I need to borrow some bread. I have a friend visiting and I have nothing to feed him.' " (Luke 11:5-6)

"What if the friend answers, 'I can't help you right now. It's late and we're already in bed.' But what if you keep knocking on the door? Jesus said, "If you knock so long that you wake everyone in the neighborhood, your friend will get up and give you some bread." (Luke 11:7-8)

Jesus used this story to tell His friends and us to knock on God's door by asking for what you need. He says, "Everyone who asks will get what he asks for. Everyone who looks will find what he is looking for. Everyone who knocks will have the door opened to him." (Luke 11:9-10)

Jesus said prayer is a way to ask, seek, and knock. Jesus even taught His disciples a way to pray. We call this prayer the Lord's prayer. Let's pray it now. (Lead kids through the Lord's Prayer, encouraging them to say it with you. If time allows, help children learn it by saying it more than once.)

Our Father in heaven, holy is Your name; Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. In Jesus' name, amen. (Luke 11:2-4)

Sermon Title: "Knock, Knock. Who's There?"

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1-13

KNOCK, KNOCK

- Have children take turns on each side of the door, one to knock, knock... while the child on the other side of the door answers: Who's there and the one who was knocking will answer: GOD IS THERE AND HE ANSWERS PRAYER!

ASK, SEEK AND KNOCK DOOR HANGING:

Cut out letters for the ASK, SEEK and KNOCK. Have children glue them on the poster. Next to the ASK - children can write "And it will be given"; next to SEEK "And you will find"; and next to KNOCK - "And it will be opened to you". Decorate the poster with ???? (question marks), "eyes" for the seeking part; and a few "doors" for the Knocking. Write the Bible verse, Luke 11:9-10 on the poster!

BIBLE VERSE MEMORY:

ASK, SEEK and KNOCK words can be on each child's 8 x 10" paper. Children can begin looking for the Ask "response" (And it will be given); the SEEK response (and you will find) and the KNOCK 'response" And it will be opened to you. Teacher will need to have several slips of paper for each response HIDDEN around the room, so that each child can find one for his own MEMORY paper. One side of the room of children can say ASK and see if the other children can have the correct response. Then the children who "answered" the ASK question can ask for the SEEK response, etc to learn the Bible verse even better.

BREAD GIVE-A-WAY:

Teacher can hide small loaves of bread, and put a couple of loaves behind the door, or can just have a some mini loaves of bread in her basket. Children can either ASK for a loaf of bread, or SEEK for a loaf of bread or can KNOCK and look behind the door for their loaf of bread! Discussion about Jesus teaching his disciples how to pray in our Bible story today!

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK GAME:

Teacher can tell the children to find a certain item (that they just could NOT find unless they get HELP from the teacher, but give the children some time to search and when the time limit is up, they can get clues from ASKING, SEEKING AND KNOCKING from the teacher. When the teacher begins answering their questions, they'll begin to look in the right places and WILL FIND! (An example: a dollar bill could be hidden inside a Bible on a shelf, or under a desk, or inside the teacher's shoe, etc). When the children are told to HUNT for a dollar bill, they'll be excited but will have to ASK the teacher because it will be too hard to find. (All of the children will probably WANT to keep that dollar, so the teacher can let the children know that the money will be put into the offering that morning).

Song: "Whisper A Prayer " Traditional song arr. by Charles
Kirkpatrick
Sheet Music (PDF)

Piano Accompaniment (MP3) Right click and save to your computer.

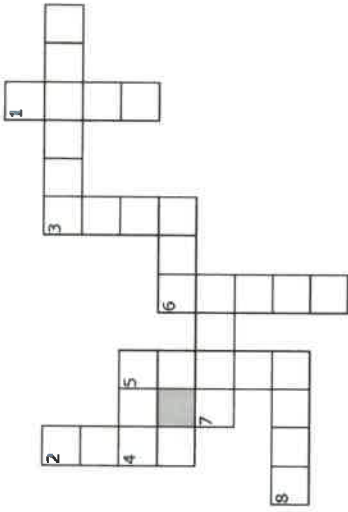
Vocal Demo

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Song: "Seek Ye First" by Karen Lafferty

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- A person you know, like, and trust
- To make a request for something
- A piece of furniture for sleeping
- A movable structure used to close off an entrance to a room
- A device operated by a key and used to keep a door from being opened

DOWN

- To look for something
- To talk to God
- To locate something by searching for it
- To strike a series of blows with your fist, as on a door
- A food made from flour mixed with water and other ingredients, then baked in an oven

LOCK	FIND	FRIEND	PRAY	DOOR
BED	SEEK	KNOCK	ASK	BREAD



Ask
Seek
Knock

Children's Worship Bulletin

Jesus Teaches about Prayer

Luke 11:1-13

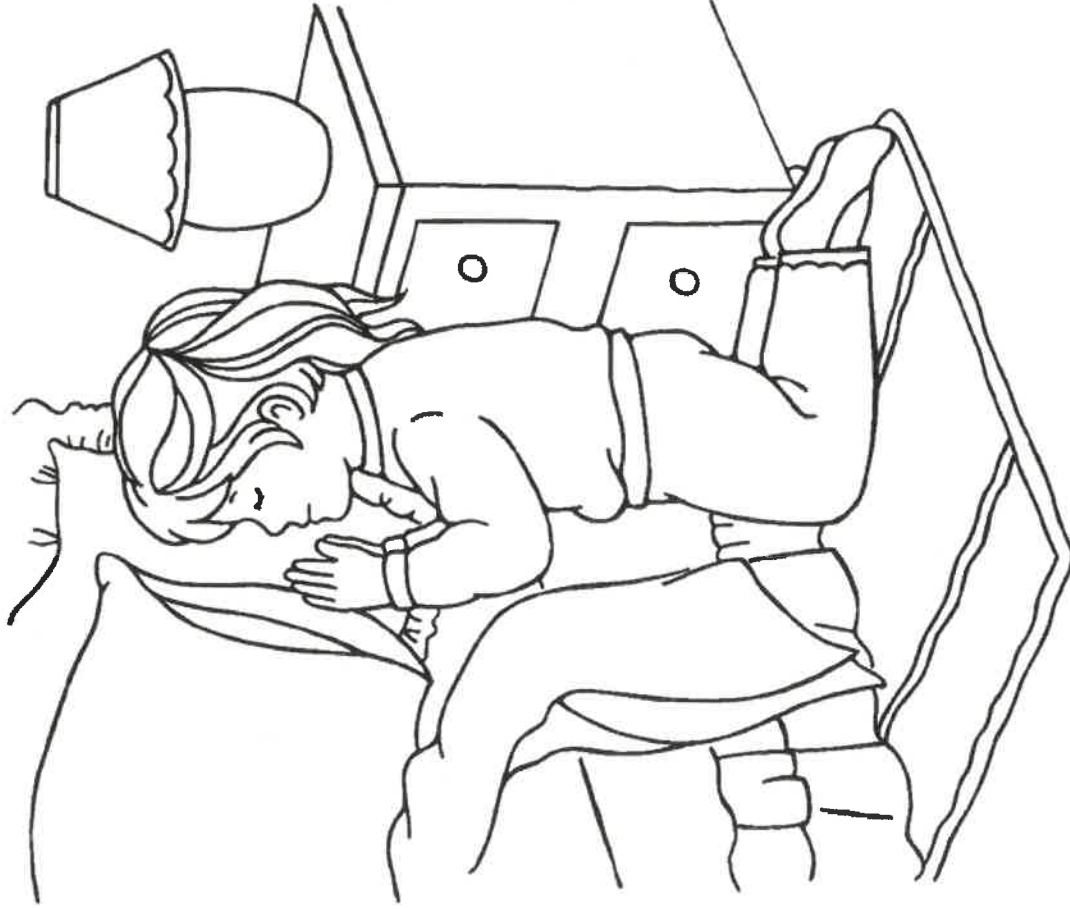
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FIND	PRAY	OPEN	TEMPATION	FRIEND
SEEK	FATHER	NAME	KNOCK	RECEIVE
MIDNIGHT	DAILY	TEACH	LEAD	BREAD
SINS	KINGDOM	HALLOWED	FORGIVE	ASK

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Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
B	Y	X	O	J	N	R	T	V	F	C	D	E	U	G	W	I	Z	A	L	M	P	H	K	S	Q

- 7-13-11-13-17-9-13 _____
- 8-13-19-11-23 _____
- 19-25-24 _____
- 22-7-19-2 _____
- 25-13-13-24 _____
- 10-17-6-12 _____
- 4-22-13-6 _____
- 24-6-4-11-24 _____

KNOCK PRAY	SEEK TEACH	OPEN FIND	RECEIVE ASK
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"Our Father ..."

Jesus Teaches About Prayer



Ask

Seek

Knock

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a _____, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of _____, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

"Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already _____, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

"So I say to you: _____ and it will be _____ to you; _____ and you will _____; _____ and the _____ will be _____ to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Luke 11:5-10 (NIV)

ask
bread

door
find

friend
given

knock
locked

opened
seek

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Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

receive	ask	pray	open
seek	find	knock	teach



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